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Draft decision submitted by the Chair

Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 70/520 of 9 December 2015:

(a) Urges the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar that are legitimate under international law, to reach, in the spirit of the Brussels Declaration of 27 November 1984, a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and applicable principles, and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) Takes note of the position of Spain on this issue, including its proposal to start new discussions on the basis of the Brussels Declaration, and also takes note of Spain's presentation of a co-sovereignty offer before the Special Political and Decolonization Committee;

(c) Takes note of the position of the United Kingdom on this issue, that is, the commitment never to enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another State against their freely and democratically expressed wishes, nor enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content;

(d) Takes note of the desire of the United Kingdom to continue with the trilateral Forum for Dialogue;

(e) Takes note of the position of Spain that the trilateral Forum for Dialogue does not exist any longer and should be replaced with a new mechanism for local cooperation in which the people of the Campo de Gibraltar and Gibraltar are represented;

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(f) Encourages the United Kingdom and Spain to engage in a constructive and responsive manner, with all relevant and appropriate parties, in order to find common solutions and make progress on issues of mutual benefit.